spreading the colonies properly and feeding them timely and properly.

Closure/merger of Heavy Engineering Corporation

4421. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to close Heavy Engineering Corporation or to merge it with the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Consultation Regarding Finalisation of Eighth Plan

4422. SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has completed the consultations with the State Governments about the strategy and the programmes of Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether in the process of finalisation of the Eighth Five Year Plan, suggestions have also been invited from some specialised organisations and institutions functioning in our country in the field of economics, industries and development;

(c) whether the Planning Commission is considering to give greater priority and financial allocation for the development of science and technology in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In the process of the preparation of the Plan, there is interaction with organisations in different fields. The objectives, thrust and macro-economic dimensions of the 8th Plan would be considered by the National Development Council (NDC) at the meeting scheduled for 23rd and 24th December, 1991 and in the light of its directions the 8th Plan will be prepared.

(c) and (d). Planning Commission accords priority for the promotion of Science & Technology. As regards the financial allocations, the Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

Publications by Survey of India on Assam and Gujarat

4423. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of publications brought out by the Survey of India on Assam and Gujarat;

(b) whether revised editions of the political maps of India as well as the States of Assam and Gujarat have recently been published by the Survey of India; if so, when and the details thereof including their selling price and places of availability;

(c) the details of city/tourist maps brought out by the Survey of India on the various cities/towns in Assam and Gujarat; and

(d) whether the Government propose to publish a city map of Dibrugarh, the second most important town of Assam; if so, by when; and